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Mr. Sam Borries
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Emergency Response Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. Borries:

I am writing to request that the Region 5 Offices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) consider the assignment of an On-Scene Coordinator to the Midland Machine site located in Decatur, Illinois.

It is estimated that approximately 130 drums are located within this area. Most of the drums were overpacked in 1993 and are currently in poor condition. Stressed vegetation and oil saturated soils are found throughout the site. Efforts by the state to remove the drums and address other potential areas of concern have been unsuccessful. Attached is a site inspection report from April 29, 1999.

As always, the Illinois EPA will provide any assistance to U.S. EPA regarding this matter. Thank you for the consideration and we look forward to working with U.S. EPA in this and future removal activities. I hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,

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